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## CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

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Mr. Dale Snyder  
Absolute Mining and Minerals Inc.  
145 South 1350 East  
Lehi, Utah 84043

Re: Letter of Commitment - Resolution of Noncompliance Issues, Absolute Mining and Minerals, Inc. (AMMI), Dolores River Placer Operation, S/019/035 (UTU-72488), Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr. Snyder:

We appreciate your willingness to resolve the Division's permitting concerns as described in your letter of commitment received February 12, 2001. The purpose of this letter is to propose a schedule for completion of the first two tasks identified in your letter.

### TASK ONE

Within 30 days of February 8, 2001 (i.e. by March 10, 2001) establish a date for an onsite inspection with AMMI, BLM and Division staff.

Based on discussions with BLM staff, the Division proposes a site inspection on the morning of Tuesday, March 20, 2001, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Dolores River Placer Mine site. Alternate dates acceptable to agency staff would be March 21 through March 23. Please confirm AMMI's acceptance of the March 20<sup>th</sup> date, or propose an alternate date and time so scheduling of this inspection occurs prior to March 10, 2001.

- Meet at Division offices on Tuesday March 6, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. to review progress.

## **TASK TWO**

Within 60 days of February 8, 2001 (i.e. by April 10, 2001), perform the scheduled site inspection, weather permitting, to determine and mark the five-acre (or less) permit boundary for this small mine operation.

- Determine disturbed areas to be reclaimed outside of the permit boundary. Determine specific tasks needed to complete reclamation of these areas which will satisfy BLM and Division regulations.

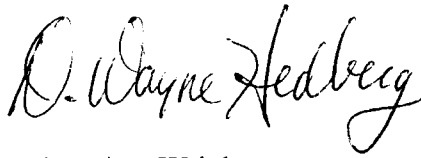
## **TASK THREE**

Within 90 days of February 8, 2001 (i.e. by May 11, 2001), perform the agreed upon tasks to complete reclamation of those disturbed areas determined above.

The schedule for the next tasks will be determined as each previous task is accomplished. As discussed during the February 8, 2001 meeting, failure on AMMI's part to complete a task without reasonable justification may result in the Division proceeding with a formal Board Hearing to remedy the situation.

Please indicate your acceptance of one of the proposed dates for the site inspection in writing. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact me at (801) 538-5306. We look forward to discussing our progress in accomplishing these tasks at the meeting on Tuesday March 6, 2001, here at the Division offices.

Sincerely,

  
*for* Mary Ann Wright  
Associate Director

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